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SUBJECT: (S/NF) KUDOS AND FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS ON SALEH'S
MILITARY COMMAND CENTER (C-DT9-02575)

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Classified By: ELISSA G. PITTERLE, DIRECTOR, INR/OPS. REASON: 1.4(C).

[¶1.](#) (S/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS ARE INTERESTED IN RECENT REPORTING ON THE SA'ADA CEASEFIRE TALKS. WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THIS ISSUE CLOSELY AND APPRECIATE THE UNIQUE INSIGHT OFFERED BY EMBASSY SANAA ON THIS ISSUE. SANAA 002176 NOTED THAT PRESIDENT SALEH RELOCATED A MILITARY COMMAND CENTER, RUN BY ALI MUHSIN, IN ORDER TO CREATE A MILITARY OPERATIONS CENTER WITHIN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. WE ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE OPERATIONS CENTER TO DETERMINE HOW IT MAY AFFECT FUTURE ACTIVITIES IN THE REGION. WE WOULD GREATLY VALUE ANY FURTHER REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY ON THE QUESTIONS BELOW, AS POST'S TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT. MANY THANKS, AND REGARDS FROM WASHINGTON.

[¶A.](#) (S/NF) WHERE IS THE OPERATIONS CENTER LOCATED WITHIN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE?

[¶B.](#) (S/NF) WHAT ACTIVITY TAKES PLACE AT THE OPERATIONS CENTER? HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS ARE WORKING THERE? HOW MUCH TIME DOES PRESIDENT SALEH SPEND AT THE OPERATIONS CENTER?

[¶C.](#) (S/NF) WHAT SPECIFIC MILITARY FACILITIES COMMUNICATE WITH THE OPERATIONS CENTER? WHAT TYPES OF COMMUNICATIONS (LANDLINES, CELL PHONES, EMAIL, FAX, OR INTERNET) ARE USED PRIMARILY AND BY WHICH INDIVIDUALS?

[¶2.](#) (U) PLEASE CITE C-DT9-02575 IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF REPORTING IN RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS.
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